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SUBJECT: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: BRIEFING OF
PRESIDENT PEREZ

REFERENCES: (A) PANAMA 7329; (B) STATE 275629;

1. AFTER A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
AND THE SITUATION BOTH HERE AND IN PANAMA, WE CONCLUDE
THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER TO
BRIEF PRESIDENT PEREZ AT THIS TIME.

2. AT THE TIME OF BUNKER-ESCOVAR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
IN MID-NOVEMBER, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD HAVE SOME
INDICATION OF THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
AND THAT IT WOULD THEREFORE BE USEFUL IN DECEMBER TO FOL-
LOW THROUGH ON ESCOVAR'S INITIATIVE. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT A
LATER DATE WOULD BE MORE PROPITIOUS.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO INFORM ESCOVAR PRIVATELY THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER WISHES TO BRIEF PRESIDENT AND OTHERS ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT BELIEVES A MEETING AT A LATER DATE WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THAN ONE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WE WOULD PLAN TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ESCOVAR.

4. IF HOWEVER THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DANGER THAT PEREZ OR ESCOVAR MIGHT TAKE OFFENSE AT OR MISCONSTRUE A DELAY TO MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DISINTERESTED IN BRIEFING THE VENEZUELANS ON THE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS, HE SHOULD SO ADVISE, IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT CONSIDER OTHER COURSES OF ACTION. ROBINSON

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